

HOUSE BILL NO. 377

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES EASTMAN, Kurka

Introduced: 2/22/22

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to educational and outreach activities for Canadian citizens."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
4 to read:

5 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Canadian Refugees are Welcome in
6 Alaska Act.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 44.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Article 6A. Educational and Outreach Activities.**

9 **Sec. 44.33.390. Educational and Outreach Activities.** The Department of
10 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development shall establish and implement
11 appropriate educational and outreach activities for Canadian citizens, including
12 Canadian citizens from the Yukon, the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and the British
13 Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan Provinces, Canadians with refugee status under
14 federal law, and Canadians that have been granted asylum under federal law.
15 Educational and outreach activities under this section must include information on the

1 beauty of the state, the rights that residents possess as residents of the state and United
2 States, the process for applying for United States citizenship, tax policies that apply to
3 state residents, statistics on ownership of and access to firearms for personal protection
4 in the state, the status of any statewide mandates relating to the novel coronavirus
5 disease, and other benefits of state residency.